

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES
MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2003**

At 8:20 a.m. Chairman Lee Panza in Conference Room C of San Mateo City Hall, called the meeting to order.

Members Attending: Lee Panza, Marland Townsend, Irene O'Connell, and Mike King (C/CAG Chairman) by conference call.

Staff/Guests Attending: Walter Martone (C/CAG Staff - County Public Works), Richard Napier (C/CAG Executive Director), Brian Moura (City of San Carlos), Mary McMillan (San Mateo County), and Deborah Gordon (Town of Woodside and C/CAG Member).

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Minutes and summary of the meeting of February 8, 2003.

The minutes were approved by consensus.

3. Update from C/CAG Lobbyist in Sacramento (via conference call).

Through a conference call, Wes Lujan and Chuck Cole provided a briefing on the latest news from Sacramento.

- The Republicans have introduced their budget bill. It appears to be better than the Governor's proposal but it includes a number of short-term fixes like the Governor's proposal. There is also included a reduction of \$500,000,000 per year from local government revenues.
- The bill to do mid year cuts has been sent back to the Assembly to uncouple it from the resolution of the VLF issue in ABX1 4.
- Almost 3,000 bills have been introduced in this year's legislature.
- It is expected that there will be legislation to implement Propositions 40 (Clean Water, Air, Safe Parks, and Coastal Protection Act) and 50 (Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects). These programs may have a funding impact on NPDES.
- Related to Proposition 50 –
 - ✓ They will be interested in projects that create jobs.
 - ✓ Acquisition of land will not be a high priority.
 - ✓ They hope to roll out the program as soon as possible.
 - ✓ If C/CAG or local jurisdictions have potential projects they should have them ready to go. They will qualify better if they can quantify the number of jobs that will be created and if the project will have regional impacts.
- Assemblymembers Steinburg and Campbell have introduced AB 1221 that proposes to

restructure local government financing.

- ✓ A number of Chambers are in support of the bill.
- ✓ Some counties are supporting the bill.
- ✓ There needs to be an analysis of the impact on this bill jurisdiction by jurisdiction.
- ✓ The analysis should include determining if it could have a lasting positive effect on local government finances.
- Update on SCA 2 and ACA 7 to reduce the vote requirement for local transportation sales tax measures.
 - ✓ We are still waiting for promised amendments to SCA 2 that would remove the smart growth planning requirements.
 - ✓ There does not appear to be any organized opposition to SCA 2.
 - ✓ ACA 7 will hopefully be scheduled for a hearing soon.
 - ✓ There will likely not be any real action on these bills until the budget situation is resolved.
 - ✓ C/CAG will be called upon to testify on these bills when appropriate.
- There is concern that the economy is not showing any signs of a real recovery. The May Revise by the Governor is anticipated to show that the deficit is actually larger than predicted.
- There is a great deal of concern that the budget proposals include rolling over debt to future years.
- The State is only cutting 2,200 positions while they are expecting local governments to cut over 20%.
- If the VLF is restored, the Republican proposal will be changed to eliminate the \$500,000,000 revenue reduction to local governments.
- Update on ACA 10 to exclude stormwater programs from the requirements of Proposition 218.
 - ✓ The City of Huntington is on record supporting it.
 - ✓ It is critical that coastal Republicans be encouraged to support it.
 - ✓ The Irvine Company (a development company) is supporting it.
 - ✓ We need to get support letters from all San Mateo County jurisdictions.
 - ✓ We need to get local business support.
- Update on AB 1546 the C/CAG bill to raise funding for congestion relief and NPDES.
 - ✓ A meeting is being scheduled with the sponsors of AB 204 that will also raise the vehicle registration fee.
 - ✓ There is the potential of creating an alliance with San Diego.
 - ✓ We need to get support for this concept from as many people as possible.
- Regarding State mandates.
 - ✓ There needs to be a State-wide discussion and awareness campaign about the impacts of unfunded mandates on local resources and services.
 - ✓ We need to develop local numbers and a list of programs that would be impacted.
 - ✓ We need to make the issue of State mandate a bigger issue for regional and statewide organizations.
- There is a recall effort underway for the Governor. Some believe that it will unfortunately divert attention from resolving the budget crisis.

4. Recommendations for performance measures to determine the effectiveness of C/CAG's legislative efforts.

The following comments were provided on the staff proposal.

- The Legislative delegation support rate may not be a good measure. Often trade offs are required in order to get higher priority bills passed.
- The quantity of meetings with legislators and staff may not be a good measure. The quality of the meeting is more important.
- A new measure might be the effectiveness of the lobbyist in keeping the Legislative Committee informed.
- C/CAG staff was requested to research the performance measures used by other organizations such as the League of California Cities, CSAC, the education community, and others.
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5. League of California Cities quick response teams.

The Peninsula Division of the League of California Cities is attempting to identify a number of elected officials in each County who would be willing to testify/meet with legislators in Sacramento, participate in meetings in the local district offices, make phone calls, write letters, etc. All of these activities would likely occur on very short notice. C/CAG's Legislative Committee instructed staff to identify specific categories for legislation and issues (such as local government finance, transportation, housing, land use, etc.), and recruit elected officials and staff experts who would be willing to be on a rapid response team related to that specific subject area.

6. Summary of bills that may be of interest to C/CAG.

The Committee reviewed a report of over 200 bills that may be of interest to local governments. Staff will be screening the bills and calling out the ones that appear to be moving through the legislature and which could have the most significant impact on the cities and the County. Staff will be reviewing the legislative reports of other regional agencies such as the County Supervisors Association of California (CSAC), the League of California Cities, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), and others for cues on which bills they feel are significant.

7. Adjournment.

At 10:0 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.